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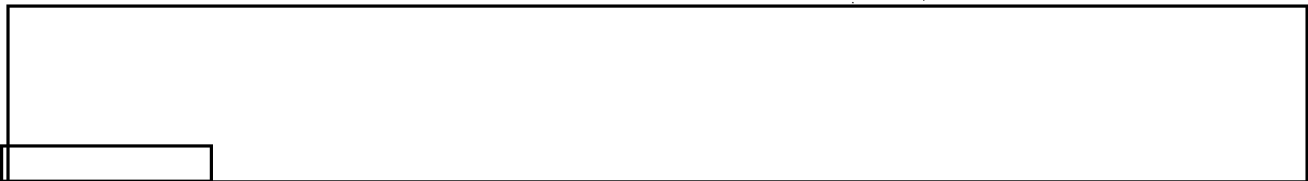


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2. (Unclassified - RJK) LIAISON Received a call from Rick Vilkin, in the Los Angeles district office of Representative Thomas M. Rees (D., Calif.). Vilkin requested Agency assistance in locating an individual by the name of [redacted] allegedly worked or works for the Agency as a helicopter pilot. There is an illness in the family of his wife and her son has been unable to contact them. Their last known residence was in Honolulu. Vilkin said that the son, [redacted] indicated he had written directly to the Agency for assistance also. When I contacted the Office of Personnel they indicated that they had received [redacted] letter a few days ago, and made a thorough search of all possible Agency personnel lists and had found no record of employment of [redacted]. They had written to [redacted] explaining this to him. I called Vilkin back and explained that the Agency had already reported to [redacted] and he thanked us for our prompt reply.

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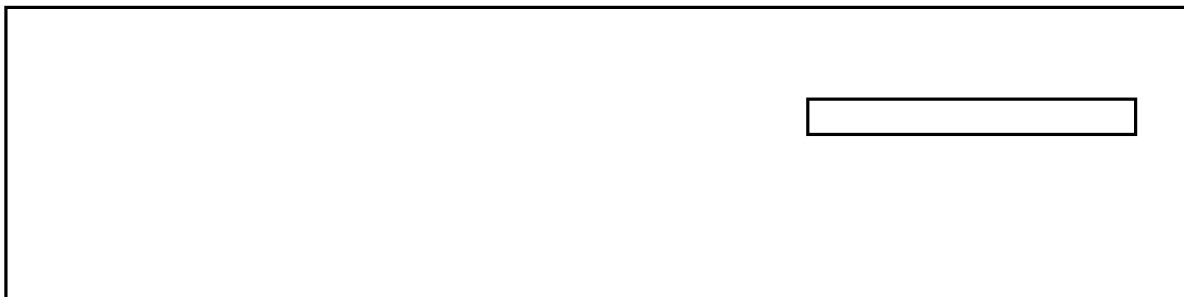
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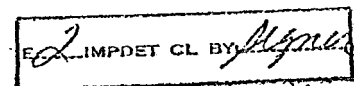
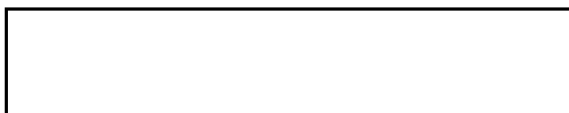
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4. (Unclassified - NDL) LIAISON Per [redacted] request, sent more information on the article by General Van Tien Dung which appeared in the Hanoi newspaper, Nhan Dan, to Connie Carmichael, Senate Foreign Relations Committee staff.

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NORTH VIETNAM

In Ha Nam Ninh Province, south of Hanoi, 99.87 percent of the electors cast their ballots. Twenty-six out of the 34 candidates were elected. Senior Lieutenant-General Song Hao, director of the General Political Department of the Vietnam People's Army and vice minister of national defence, got 98.49 percent of the votes. Weaver Dao Thi Hao, labour heroine, obtained 98.03 percent; poet Che Lan Vien received 94.43 percent; Mme Ha Thi Que, member of the Vietnam Workers Party Central Committee and president of the Vietnam Women's Union, got 99.2 percent, and Nguyen The Vinh, vice chairman of the Liaison Committee of the Vietnamese Patriotic and Peace-Loving Catholics, 94.62 percent.

In Hai Hung Province, southeast of Hanoi, 99.14 percent of the electors went to the polls. Twenty out of the 24 candidates were elected. Le Van Luong, secretary of the Central Committee of the VWP received 99.42 percent of the votes.

In Thai Binh Province, southeast of Hanoi, 99.93 percent of the electors exercised their franchise. Fifteen out of the 17 candidates were chosen. Among the candidates who won most of the votes were Phan Dinh Dieu, doctor of mathematics, with 99.6 percent; and Nguyen Thanh Lai, chairman of the Nam Cao agricultural cooperative with 98.1 percent.

#### DUNG: POLITICAL BUREAU PLANS ATTACK ON SAIGON

Hanoi in Vietnamese to Vietnam 2330 GMT 26 Apr 76 DK

[Continuation of article "Great Spring Victory" by Sen Gen Van Tien Dung as related to NHAN DAN correspondent; this installment subtitled "New Opportunity, New Strategic Decision"]

[Text] While the Central Highlands troops gradually advanced to the delta on three strategic routes, on 20 March we received a message informing us that the Political Bureau and the Central Military Party Committee had just met to assess the situation. Our recent great victory had had a strategic significance and marked a new turning point in the South Vietnam war. The enemy was planning to carry out a large-scale strategic retreat in order to concentrate forces in the Saigon area and part of the Mekong delta and perhaps also in Danang and Cam Ranh with a view to establishing a relatively strong position to seek a political solution--forming a coalition government or agreeing to a partition of South Vietnam. It was, therefore, necessary for us to lose no time in using the factor of great surprise in matters of timing, direction of the attacks, strength and boldness while insuring certain victory. Accordingly, the Political Bureau weighed pros and cons and drew up a plan to liberate Saigon earlier than had been anticipated.

On 27 or 28 March, the Political Bureau sent Comrade Le Duc Tho to see me in the Central Highlands to officially inform me of its resolution. Meanwhile, messages were sent from Hanoi to comrades Pham Hung and Tran Van Tra in Nam Bo, and Vo Chi Cong and Chu Huy Man in the 5th region to immediately join me in the Central Highlands to receive information about the Political Bureau's intention and to discuss the plan to implement it. Thus, a new development was shaping up, a new task being formulated by the realities of combat and the clever mentality of our party, and a new great opportunity was coming.

With patience, I waited for the arrival of Comrade Le Duc Tho and for the extremely important instructions of the Political Bureau at that historic moment of national history.